

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☐ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☐ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)

Travel date(s): August 9th-11th 2021

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate | \$835.59 | \$360 | \$26.55 | \$895 (Government conference registration- waived) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount | | | | |

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

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Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

Burnett HIMSS Agenda attached.

9/1/2021

(Date)

Andrew Burnett

(Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]

(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

9/01/2021

(Date)

Richard Helber

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Andrew Burnett agenda for the Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Meeting in Las Vegas, NV, August 9th – 11th, 2021

Monday, August 9th – Landed at 5:00pm PDT and attended the latter half of the below forum and dinner reception.

Keynote: Preserving the Health of a Population - Early Lessons from a Global Pandemic

Monday, August 9 at **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM PDT**

Venetian, Palazzo Ballroom

Preserving the health of a population, particularly a global population during a pandemic, requires a true sense of collaboration and cooperation among nations, their people, their leadership, and, decisions grounded in scientific facts. With the speed in which COVID-19 spread, a pandemic was declared in less than three months from the onset of the disease. Every aspect of population health was affected: routine care was no longer routine, and in many cases, no longer available; the use of telemedicine exploded exponentially; care delivered to the underserved was compromised; and uptake of available vaccinations varied.

Today, as industry stakeholders grapple with delivering care in the midst of the spreading of multiple variants and healthcare crises in nations of all sizes, our esteemed panel, moderated by Hal Wolf, President and CEO of HIMSS, of internationally-recognized, multi-disciplinary experts will share their insights to address concerns across multi-faceted healthcare stakeholders.

Learning Objectives

- Review the current state of population health challenges resulting from the pandemic
- Identify the critical areas of concern across population health and opportunities to address those concerns
- Examine ways HIMSS attendees can be the change to positively affect health and care in their area of influence

Tuesday, August 10th

SECURITY AND PRIVACY

Keynote: Healthcare Cybersecurity Resilience in the Face of Adversity

Tuesday, August 10 at **8:30 AM - 9:30 AM PDT**

Venetian, Palazzo Ballroom

Cybersecurity incidents are unfolding at unprecedented levels across the globe, with virtually no industry left unaffected. With cybersecurity as the backbone to normal and safe operations at all healthcare organizations globally, it is critical that healthcare professionals have the latest knowledge to ensure risks and exposures to incidents like ransomware and others are minimized.

Our panel of esteemed experts—led by Admiral Mike Rodgers, former National Security Agency director under President Obama—will provide an in-depth review of the cybersecurity challenges healthcare organizations are facing today. Get the latest information on how to lead your organization to not only survive these turbulent cybersecurity times but also be more resilient against aggressive cyberattacks and well positioned to protect your patients.

Interoperability Showcase

Tuesday, August 10th

10:00am – 11:30am PDT

Caesars – Academy C200

Description: Explore a health ecosystem where standards-based health IT enables individuals to securely access, contribute to and analyze their own health data. Learn how current health IT products in the market deliver standards-based interoperability and health information exchange with an interactive learning experience.

Demonstrations took place every 45 minutes. I attended 2, different demonstrations from 10:00am – 10:45am then from 10:45am – 11:30am.

Policy Changemakers Luncheon

Tuesday, August 10th

11:45 am – 1:30 pm PDT

Caesars – Summit 219

Networked with state, local, federal and international government officials, HIMSS Chapter Leaders and other health IT experts for this annual luncheon with presentations on public policy priorities.

HIE AND INTEROPERABILITY

CMS Interoperability: Achieving a Connected Healthcare System

Tuesday, August 10 at **1:15 PM - 2:15 PM PDT**

Venetian, San Polo 3401

Lack of seamless data exchange in healthcare has historically detracted from patient care, putting quality patient care at risk, and driving higher costs. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has established policies that break down barriers in the nation's health system to enable better access to health information, improve interoperability and unleash innovation. During this session, attendees will hear from CMS representatives about past, present, and future interoperability activities. In May 2020, CMS released the Interoperability and Patient Access final rule meant to guide the health care ecosystem in the direction of interoperability. CMS continues to explore opportunities to further expand data exchange and promote public health and health equity in all policies. Attendees will learn more about these efforts and opportunities to support CMS and the health care ecosystem to continue improving data exchange.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the CMS interoperability vision and future state for health care
- Explain CMS interoperability rule requirements and objectives
- Discuss the future state of interoperability in health care for CMS initiatives and beyond

Threatlocker DEMONSTRATION

2:30pm – 3:30pm PDT

Live demonstration from the cybersecurity company Threatlocker. Threatlocker institutes a cybersecurity technology called Zero Trust Framework to protect its

clients. Multiple agencies under the Department of Health and Human Services have considered protecting their system mainframes with the Zero Trust Framework and have considered asking for appropriations funding for this technology. Since my boss, Senator Shelby, is Vice-Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, understanding the cybersecurity technology was important.

TELEMEDICINE

A Low-Cost Concept for Telemedicine in EMS in Giessen

Tuesday, August 10 at **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM PDT**

Venetian, San Polo 3404

In Germany, the amount of calls for EMS are steadily on the rise, resulting in a growing demand and workload for emergency physicians and advanced paramedics. While at the same time, the number of general practitioners and smaller hospitals are steadily decreasing. Furthermore, an aging population, with an increasingly complex medical history, leads to situations and emergencies in which a more detailed assessment and therapies are urgently needed. Therefore, common EMS systems need to find a solution to handle these situations.

Technische Hochschule Mittelhessen has developed a holistic telemedical concept to connect in-hospital clinical emergency physicians and paramedics on the scene. By implementing and connecting systems that are already partially being used in common EMS in Germany, live audio and video communication, including vital signs between the two, can be established by keeping costs low, affordable, and at the same time protecting patient data in line with General Data Protection Regulation.

Learning Objectives

- Demonstrate how a holistic system can be created by assembling single solutions in to one solution
- Discuss existing telemedical systems in EMS, and create a different and holistic solution
- Show difficulties in patient data transfer from EMS to the ER and illustrate several low-cost alternative solutions

- Develop a debate on how pre-clinical treatment of patients will change with the use of holistic telemedical solutions in EMS
- Explain to lawmakers, healthcare organizers, and practitioners on how telemedical solutions will adapt in a changing and more integrated global society

Wendesday, August 11th

Global Public Policy Breakfast

Wednesday, August 11th

7:00 am – 8:30 am PDT

Caesars Forum – Summit Ballroom 219

Joined health information and technology thought leaders, policy advocates and HIMSS leadership for their annual Global Public Policy Breakfast during HIMSS21.

VENDOR DEMONSTRATIONS

Innovacer – 8:30am – 9:30am PDT. Innovacer is an industry leading technology company that works with hospitals on implementing data organization tabs within an electronic health record to provide a better workflow for doctors and reduce physician burnout.

SSI – 9:45am – 10:15am PDT. SSI is an Alabama constituent company that specializes in hospital revenue cycle management, claims management, privacy compliance management, and price transparency management. The Trump Administration instituted an executive order, which was codified in the No Surprises Act of 2019 that mandated all hospitals post pricing of their services to their website. I received a demonstration from SSI on the price transparency solutions that they offer to hospitals.

University of Alabama and Birmingham School of Health Informatics

10:30 – 10:50am PDT

Met with Department of Health Informatics Chair Sue Feldman about the cybersecurity and health informatics workforce being trained at UAB and how the HIMSS conference shapes their curriculum.

DEPARTED HOTEL AT 11:00AM TO AIRPORT FOR 1:00PM FLIGHT



Congressional Staff Agenda

Location: Wynn meeting space, the Venetian-Sands Expo Center and Caesars Forum Conference Center
August 9 – 12, 2021

Access Full Conference Information here: [HIMSS21](#)

All times are Eastern Time (PST).

****Note: All events and receptions listed on this agenda are open to all conference attendees****

Monday, August 9th, 2021

Arriving: Monday 09 August 2021 at 5:05PM

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| 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM (When not at educational sessions or for non-scheduled time) | HIMSS21 Exhibition Hall with live technology demonstrations, presentations, and education sessions Description: Learn about cutting edge health information technology. Experience thousands of health IT products and services on the HIMSS21 exhibit floor. Features the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase, the Cybersecurity Command Center, Intelligent Health Pavilion, the Healthcare of the Future, and more. |
| 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM (When not at concurrent educational sessions or for non-scheduled time) | Interoperability Showcase Description: Explore a health ecosystem where standards-based health IT enables individuals to securely access, contribute to and analyze their own health data. Learn how current health IT products in the market deliver standards-based interoperability and health information exchange with an interactive learning experience. |
| 5:00 – 6:30 PM <i>Attended late, arrived to event at 5:45.</i> | Global Pandemic Description: Preserving the health of a population, particularly a global population during a pandemic, requires a true sense of collaboration and cooperation among nations, their people, their leadership, and, decisions grounded in scientific facts. With the speed in which COVID-19 spread, a pandemic was declared in less than three months from the onset of the disease. Every aspect of population health was affected: routine care was no longer routine, and in many cases, no longer available; the use of telemedicine exploded exponentially; care delivered to the underserved was compromised; and uptake of available vaccinations varied. Today, as industry stakeholders grapple with delivering care in the midst of the spreading of multiple variants and healthcare crises in nations of all sizes, our esteemed panel, moderated by Hal Wolf, President and CEO of HIMSS, of internationally-recognized, multi-disciplinary experts will share their insights to address concerns across multi-faceted healthcare stakeholders. |
| | Dinner on your own |

Tuesday, August 10th, 2021

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| 8:30 – 9:30 AM <i>Attended</i> | Keynote: Healthcare Cybersecurity Resilience in the Face of Adversity Description: Cybersecurity incidents are unfolding at unprecedented levels across the globe, with virtually no industry left unaffected. With cybersecurity as the backbone to normal and safe operations at all healthcare organizations globally, it is critical that healthcare professionals have the latest knowledge |
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| | <p>to ensure risks and exposures to incidents like ransomware and others are minimized.</p> <p>Our panel of esteemed experts—led by Admiral Mike Rodgers, former National Security Agency director under President Obama—will provide an in-depth review of the cybersecurity challenges healthcare organizations are facing today. Get the latest information on how to lead your organization to not only survive these turbulent cybersecurity times but also be more resilient against aggressive cyberattacks and well positioned to protect your patients.</p> |
| <p>10: AM – 6:00 PM</p> <p>(When not at educational sessions or for non-scheduled time)</p> | <p>HIMSS21 Exhibition Hall with live technology demonstrations, presentations, and education sessions</p> <p>Description: Learn about cutting edge health information technology. Experience thousands of health IT products and services on the HIMSS21 exhibit floor. Features the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase, the Cybersecurity Command Center, Intelligent Health Pavilion, the Healthcare of the Future, and more.</p> |
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| <p>10:15 – 11:15 AM</p> | <p>Concurrent Sessions- staff must attend at least one session</p> <p>COVID-19 Lessons Learned: The Invaluable Need for Virtual Care</p> <p>Description: The pandemic has changed how healthcare is delivered all over the country and the world. For the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the nation's largest and most geographically diverse healthcare system, rapidly expanding virtual care required new policies, approaches, tools, training and ongoing support to clinicians and patients alike. This session will explore lessons learned across that rapid expansion as well as what worked and did not work for engaging clinicians and patients around the virtual care experience. Attendees will take away tangible tools and approaches to embracing a clinical future with more telehealth and a seamless virtual patient experience.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>How the Pandemic Unmasked the Power of Supply Chain</p> <p>Description: Why did the healthcare supply chain fail so dramatically during the Covid-19 pandemic? What could have been done to minimize the impact of the surging product demands? Is a geographically diversified sourcing strategy enough? What are the sources for disruption – technology? Process? More robust SC methodology? How does a clinically integrated supply chain reinforce and actualize the power of the supply chain? The pandemic is having ongoing and lasting reverberations on healthcare supply chain. Join us as we explore these topics with a global perspective.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Keynote: Big Data Matters in Big Pharma: A look at Regulations, Ethics,</p> |

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| | <p>and Innovation</p> <p>Description: Abbvie vice president Chris Boone discusses the pharmaceutical industry's efforts to use new types of real-world data on patients—from insurance claims to lab tests to molecular profiles to data from wearable health sensor—to speed up drug discovery, development, and testing. Along the way, Chris will review the regulations and ethical issues that guide pharma's use of big data; innovation trends; how analytics will transform research and development across the industry; and the power of artificial intelligence and predictive modeling to improve clinical discovery.</p> |
| 11:45 – 12:45 PM | <p>Advancing and Measuring Interoperability Together</p> <p>Description: How do you measure interoperability from a product or an outcome? How do you quantify the ability to exchange essential health information in an age where our personal health intimately impacts our collective health? In 2020, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) launched an initiative to study how healthcare stakeholders measure their ability to exchange and use information to drive improved health outcomes and the personal and population level while preserving existing investments. As part of this multi-year initiative, the ONC seeks to understand how health IT developers (vendors) measure their product's interoperability and communicate that interoperability to their clients so they can leverage those features to improve health outcomes within the populations in their care. Don't miss this once-in-a-generation opportunity to add your voice to a conversation about how to establish a national framework for interoperability measurement.</p> <p>OR</p> |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM | <p>REACH Maternal Health and Wellness Influencers' Luncheon</p> <p>Description: This luncheon hosted by REACH is a networking opportunity for any technologists, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, startups, patient advocates and policy makers. Our goal is to convene those who are interested in ensuring the overall quality of healthcare for the safety and wellbeing of mothers and their families. Join us for a dynamic event full of diverse perspectives and meaningful connections.</p> |
| 1:00 – 2:00 PM | <p>Concurrent Education Sessions-- staff must attend at least one session</p> <p>Distributed Blockchain Platform for Secure Health Information Exchange Forum Ballroom</p> <p>Description: To improve healthcare, reduce cost, detect fraud, waste and abuse, improve clinical outcomes, promote interoperability, protect data and remove information blocking challenges, CTO for Health and Human Services Programs at Leidos will discuss a hybrid blockchain software and hardware platform to cost-effectively implement a secure exchange for heterogeneous health data. Chetan Paul will present a complete end-to-end solution for a secure patient-centric Health Information Exchange. If you are a healthcare provider/hospital, payer, regulator, or research entity, you won't want to miss this discussion.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Healthcare Executives Panel on Ransomware Threats</p> <p>Description: Health Systems continue to be exposed to ransomware attacks during the global pandemic with increased impact to patient care and exposure to large global integrated health delivery systems. Patients have</p> |

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| | <p>recognized significant patient care impacts such as rescheduled surgeries, increased patient wait times, delayed COVID-19 test results, and challenges filling prescription medications. This presentation will provide healthcare executives a guide to understanding how their organization is positioned to protect against emerging ransomware threats.</p> <p>Learning Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide thought leadership to current cyber security events • Share industry experience and how they have impacted health systems. • Educate leaders on what core security program elements should be foundationally in place. <p>OR</p> <p>Taking Medical Device Cybersecurity to the Next Level Description: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has proactively reached out to medical device cybersecurity stakeholders across the ecosystem to encourage the industry to adopt a “whole of community” approach to medical device cybersecurity. The FDA, in partnership with MITRE, MDIC, and other stakeholders, has championed initiatives to bring medical device cybersecurity to the next level, to include harmonizing international cybersecurity principles and practices, promoting the use of threat modeling in medical device design and development, improving medical device vulnerability assessment and communication, and addressing the challenges of legacy devices.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Using Technologies and Data to Drive Telehealth Excellence Description: Virtual care aligns with strategic imperatives to improve health outcomes, patient safety, and optimize the patient experience for populations with medical complexity and high healthcare needs. This session will describe the rapid deployment of multidisciplinary telehealth services during the pandemic, including best practices, facilitators and challenges. The session will highlight the technology road map, telehealth platform enhancements, interoperability and integration with the EHR. The speakers will describe the continuous process improvement journey to understand, streamline and automate, using Lean methodologies and tools, to streamline workflows. Improvement efforts incorporated state-of-the art technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing, application programming interfaces and business intelligence data analytics. Use cases and outcomes will be shared in how telehealth enhances access and continuity of care, transforming healthcare delivery into the future.</p> |
| 2:30 – 3:30 PM | <p>Concurrent Education Sessions-- staff must attend at least one session</p> <p>Population Health Perspectives: Improving the Health of Children beyond the Hospital Setting Description: We already have monitoring and improving quality, patient safety and outcomes in the hospital setting very well developed as demonstrated in our first Davies Award. While we provide excellent ambulatory care as well, and do monitor that care, its not nearly as visible to the organization. In this presentation, I will describe how the application of population health registries to the ambulatory care of pediatric conditions, such as asthma, not only to improve quality and outcomes of care, but to enhance their visibility to the organization as a whole. Our current outcome measures are fairly limited, such as ED utilization and hospital admission, but If we can obtain data from schools on our pediatric population, this will help us</p> |

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| | <p>better assess outcomes by measuring school absences and academic and physical performance. As we add more detailed social determinate data, we will also be able to improve the predictive power of our data science algorithms that we apply to care.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Response to COVID-19 and Next Steps to Recovery Description: BayCare Health System was challenged to keep the local community informed and develop a strategy to provide the right care to the right patient at the right time when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. BayCare leadership and key stakeholders worked with their suppliers for a successful rapid rollout of enhanced workflows; virtual visits and online screening tools; utilizing a statewide dashboard for surveillance; compiling information regarding community assistance; the development of an intubation tool to protect providers; and mass workforce realignment. This session will discuss the challenges of an agile implementation of technologies, workflows and workforce realignment. The BayCare healthcare team has compiled their lessons learned in the rapidly changing day-to-day operations and have created a path to the next steps to health and financial recovery.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Trust Factor: Privacy Framework Adoption in Healthcare Description: The voluntary NIST Privacy Framework promises to help organizations identify and manage privacy risk and optimize beneficial uses of data while protecting individuals' privacy. Organizations have been putting this flexible tool into action to meet their unique needs and build trust. A report from the International Association of Privacy Professionals found that more than a quarter of those surveyed have adopted the NIST Privacy Framework less than a year after its release. It also found that organizations with mature privacy programs, such as many in the healthcare industry, tend to be leveraging the NIST Privacy Framework and Cybersecurity Framework. In this session, led by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), discover how and why healthcare organizations are implementing the NIST Privacy Framework, as well as the benefits they're seeing and the lessons learned along the way. Plus, consider whether the NIST Privacy Framework is the missing piece to maturing and scaling up your organization's privacy program.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>What Drives the Post-Pandemic Health System Description: In this session, Ochsner Health will shine a light on the critical role of transformational analytics in successfully navigating and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic to support the health and wellness of the communities they serve. When the COVID-19 pandemic first hit, it became abundantly clear that a pandemic data management strategy was needed. Learn how Ochsner led statewide initiatives by mobilizing and analyzing data to address and serve communities facing the greatest risk, and explore how to help the most at-risk parts of their communities to keep them well and out of the hospital. Attendees will gain real-world examples and tips on how to build a transformational foundation, to approach future public health crises in a more effective, collaborative fashion and understand the benefits realized from proactive care delivery as opposed to reactive care.</p> |
| 4:00 – 5:00 PM | <p>A Low-Cost Concept for Telemedicine in EMS in Giessen Description: In Germany, the amount of calls for EMS are steadily on the rise, resulting in a growing demand and workload for emergency physicians</p> |

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| | and advanced paramedics. While at the same time, the number of general practitioners and smaller hospitals are steadily decreasing. Furthermore, an aging population, with an increasingly complex medical history, leads to situations and emergencies in which a more detailed assessment and therapies are urgently needed. Therefore, common EMS systems need to find a solution to handle these situations. Technische Hochschule Mittelhessen has developed a holistic telemedical concept to connect in-hospital clinical emergency physicians and paramedics on the scene. By implementing and connecting systems that are already partially being used in common EMS in Germany, live audio and video communication, including vital signs between the two, can be established by keeping costs low, affordable, and at the same time protecting patient data in line with General Data Protection Regulation. |
| 6:30-8:30 PM | Opening Reception Harold (Hal) Wolf will provide remarks. Hal is the president and CEO of HIMSS, a global advisor and thought leader supporting the transformation of the health ecosystem through information and technology. Wolf is respected internationally as a healthcare and informatics leader, with areas of expertise in mHealth, product development, integrated care models, marketing, distribution, information and technology, and large-scale innovation implementation. *No alcohol will be served to Senate staff |
| | Dinner on your own |

Wednesday, August 11th, 2021

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| 7:00 – 8:30 AM | HIMSS Global Public Policy Breakfast <i>Attended</i> Description: This event brings together health information and technology thought leaders, policy advocates and members of the HIMSS leadership team for a networking breakfast. |
| 8:30 – 9:30 AM | Description: Since second grade, Gitanjali Rao has been thinking of ways to use science and technology to make the world a better place. She has developed innovative tech solutions for some of the world's most pressing issues, including access to clean water and early diagnosis of prescription opioid addiction. As the inventor of the Kindly app, which uses AI to detect and prevent cyberbullying and protect students, Gitanjali is an inspiring voice of good. At only 15, Gitanjali has been honored as Time magazine's "Top Young Innovator" and "Kid of the Year," as well as one of Forbes magazine's "30 Under 30 in Science." Her take on innovation, problem solving and being a role model will leave attendees inspired and full of hope. |
| 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Concurrent Education Sessions-- staff must attend at least one session "Aftershocks": Addressing the rise of substance use disorder and COVID-19 Description: Pandemics are like earthquakes. How? They both have aftershocks. And the aftershocks of COVID-19 are increased substance use disorder (SUD), behavioral health diagnoses, and drug overdoses. With the extended social distancing, isolation, financial pressures, unemployment and subsequent evictions brought about by COVID-19, rates of substance use disorder and overdoses continue to skyrocket. Attendees will learn about the factors contributing to the rise in SUD, what can be done to effectively address the epidemic that has taken place alongside the COVID-19 pandemic and strategies for managing both...today and moving forward. OR |

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| | <p>Behavioral Health Disparities: The Unsung Epidemic</p> <p>Description: Driven by COVID-19, millions of patients are suffering from behavioral health problems. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, in 2019, 11% of U.S. adults reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety or depression, skyrocketing to 42% by December 2020. Globally, underserved communities face severe health equity challenges when accessing necessary behavioral health care. Esperanza Health Centers, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Chicago, worked with the city's patient populations with the greatest exposure to COVID-19 and highest mortality rates. As instances of domestic violence, suicidal thoughts, depression, anxiety, and drug abuse increased, it was critical these patients received necessary care. This session examines the factors contributing to the rise in behavioral health diagnoses, what Esperanza did to effectively bridge community care gaps, and provides strategic recommendations for organizations to help address health equity.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Person Matching for Interoperability: A Case Study for Payer</p> <p>Description: The floodgates are opening with solutions on how to recognize and match someone with their healthcare data, otherwise known as "person matching." Person matching emphasizes the scope of the healthcare consumer experience. Consumer data is created over time as patients seek care and pay claims, and that data becomes part of a consumer's health history. The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) is a microcosm of health payer systems where person matching challenges were experienced before the implementation of the matching algorithm—the Member Matching Index (MMI). The MMI links data from BCBS companies where individuals were members of more than one BCBS health plan. The BCBSA 99.5% match rate using the MMI solution was validated through an external study, which will be discussed in this presentation. In collaboration with The Sequoia Project, this presentation will discuss how person matching is foundational to the broader health data exchange environment.</p> |
| 11:00 - 11:20 AM | HIMSS Staff Led Tour of the Interoperability Showcase on areas of interest to federal policymakers |
| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | <p>Concurrent Education Sessions-- staff must attend at least one session</p> <p>HIEs As Critical Infrastructure During COVID-19 Pandemic</p> <p>Description: As Nebraska's health information exchange (HIE), NEHIE connects to facilities across the state and is recognized as a health data utility for Nebraska. NEHIE developed the COVID-19 Data Monitoring Platform that combines real-time data into a single set of dashboards for consistent information for planning and decision-making purposes by local and state health officials. The dashboards include bed management, labs and patient tracking, and ventilator and PPE tracking information, as well as forecasting of capacity and resource utilization. The need for data and information that NEHIE was able to quickly provide during COVID-19 highlights the value and ability of HIEs as part of the critical infrastructure for addressing public health crises. Furthermore, there remains unanswered questions around the impacts of COVID-19, such as potential long-term effects, mental health, healthcare utilization, and quality. Thus, actionable insights can be leveraged through HIEs to address rising issues.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Panel: Designing the Next Phase of Healthcare Together</p> <p>Description: How do we ensure the novelty and excitement of implementing technology doesn't overcome the true needs of the patients and the providers who will use and experience them? Including patient voices and other stakeholders in</p> |

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| | the design process will not only save time and money, but ultimately, make a more meaningful impact on patients' lives. Hear from our panel of experts as they discuss what every innovator, healthcare organization, and investor should consider before they design and implement new technology. |
| 1:00 – 2:00 PM | <p>Concurrent Education Sessions-- staff must attend at least one session</p> <p>Building a Case for Medical Device Security Description: Medical device security is an emerging topic for healthcare IT, with a lot of gray area on who is responsible for shoring up vulnerabilities that come along with the segment. This session will help leadership understand how to bridge this gap and develop plans, processes, and policies to help remediate and continue to keep these devices secure.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Leveraging Telehealth to Achieve Health Equity Description: Telehealth use has exploded dramatically during the pandemic, presenting a new opportunity to tackle health inequalities at scale. Rapid deployment of video consultations and remote monitoring has been key to maintaining access to care and protecting vulnerable populations during Covid-19. This session will look beyond the pandemic to explore how to leverage telehealth's benefits for an even greater purpose: to achieve health equity. How can telehealth be used to level-up care for patients with chronic disease, those living in rural areas, in poverty, or on the margins of society? What steps should be taken to ensure telehealth does not widen the health inequalities gap for the elderly and disabled, the digitally illiterate, and for communities without access to fast, reliable broadband? Our international panel will confront these issues and share inspiring ways in which telehealth is starting to close the health equity gap.</p> |
| 2:30 – 3:30 PM | <p>Concurrent Education Sessions-- staff must attend at least one session</p> <p>Information Blocking Rules and Health Privacy Impacts Description: Finalized in June 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC) information blocking rules require organizations that hold patient data to take steps intended to make the information more portable and useful for individuals. On the eve of a key compliance date, the ONC extended deadlines for entities working in health information technology, giving organizations until 2021 and 2022 to comply with key provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act. As organizations move to implement privacy and data-related provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act final rule, they are weighing key privacy considerations, including privacy exceptions around information blocking; privacy and security transparency attestation criteria; and the appropriate means of disclosing patient data, among others. What lessons can be learned from implementations to date, and what should organizations be doing to prepare for the new effective dates for these?</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Virtual Care in the Age of COVID-19 and Beyond Description: Avera Health has been at the forefront of virtual care since the mid-1990s. But with the arrival of COVID-19, the organization was challenged with revisiting their telehealth strategy to reduce virus spread while still providing essential care services to their rural communities. This session discusses how Avera undertook a multifaceted approach to safer coronavirus diagnosis and treatment through telehealth, including a COVID-19 hotline, virtual visits, and their</p> |

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| | hospital-at-home program. Their internationally recognized eCARE model helped to protect clinicians and staff in the ED, even when performing high-risk procedures. |
| 4:00 – 5:00 PM | <p>Concurrent Education Sessions-- staff must attend at least one session</p> <p>Infrastructure and Incentives: Advancing HIE Innovation Description: This session will explore how, without a state mandate, a state can build partnerships to form a foundation for advanced health information exchange (HIE). We will use Michigan's story as a case study: Michigan Health Information Network (MiHIN), the state-designated entity for HIE, partnered with the state's largest payer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, to facilitate participation in the statewide HIE network by leveraging the collaborative foundation of Blue Cross' Physician Group Incentive Program. By combining payer incentives with MiHIN's Use Case Factory™ process and legal framework, the state was able to achieve increased participation, increased data exchange, and better-quality data, which have led to numerous opportunities, from advanced HIE to telehealth, to innovate across the state. While every state's landscape is unique, and Michigan's model is not a one-size-fits-all blueprint, this presentation will offer actionable, applicable how-tos and takeaways that can be implemented in myriad HIE landscapes.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Telehealth Cybersecurity: Secure Remote Patient Monitoring Ecosystem Description: The National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) published a draft practice guide discussing approaches in applying privacy and cybersecurity measures in safeguarding a telehealth remote patient monitoring (RPM) solution. As the NCCoE developed approaches that were based on the NIST frameworks, they collaborated with several solutions providers that included healthcare delivery organizations, telehealth platform providers, and technology manufacturers. Collectively, the group evolved an understanding of the challenges associated with RPM. Healthcare technology practitioners will learn about the complexities associated with deploying RPM solutions and take away concepts that may apply to their own RPM deployments. NCCoE presenters will explain thoughts on privacy and cybersecurity risk, approaches needed to understand those risks, and a means to mitigate risk in serving their remote patient community.</p> |
| | Dinner on your own |

Thursday, August 12th, 2021

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| 8:30-9:30 AM | <p>Keynote: Encouraging the Science of Happiness - An Experiment in Gratitude Description: Gratitude. Positivity. Empathy. SoulPancake, an organization that explores life's biggest questions and promotes the best of humanity, believes these words can inspire happiness and joy. The healthcare ecosystem is a challenging and complex environment, and it can be difficult to prioritize professional and personal happiness. But it is possible!</p> <p>How do you reset your level of purpose with continued pressures in today's healthcare environment? Facilitators Rainn Wilson and Shabnam Mogharabi will guide you through an interactive approach to what it means to be human, with heartfelt dialogue designed to help you achieve happiness and joy in your personal and professional life. By exploring what really makes us happy, Rainn and Shabnam will encourage fun and reflection, with a focus on the importance of being able to laugh at ourselves. We all can aspire to achieve a true sense of joy in the support of better health outcomes and our daily lives.</p> |
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| 9:30 – 10:00 AM | <p>Panel: Unlocking the Potential of Care: Genomics & Personalized Data</p> <p>Description: Generalized prescriptions and blanket diagnoses based on physical examinations could become a thing of the past as healthcare becomes increasingly able to and comfortable with gathering precise patient information to offer targeted medical treatments with pharma and IT playing huge roles. Patients already generate reams of data unknowingly on their phones and laptops daily. Patients are also becoming more willing to use their genes examined and identified. For healthcare this means medications and therapies can be more targeted to a patient's particular habits, be it nutrition, exercise, sleep or particular genetic dispositions. It's not here yet but the potential is gathering, healthcare and patients are ready.</p> |
| 10:00 – 11:00 AM | <p>Mass Vaccination: The Use of Technology for the Road Ahead</p> <p>Description: HonorHealth administered over 800 doses in just two days. Since then, we've expanded and rolled out to a variety of settings. With over 95,000 doses now administered, this session will discuss our ongoing adventure utilizing available technology tools to create, deploy and reproduce a successful mass vaccination workflow in drive-through clinics, walk-in clinics, and mobile settings..</p> |

Departing: Wednesday 11 August 2021 at 1:00PM

Additional Information

Question 2.

This is an educational experience to attend the HIMSS21 Global Health Conference and Exhibition for education, innovation, and collaboration on health information and technology.

Question 5. U.S. Senate Invitees:

- Andrew Burnett (Sen. Shelby)
- Garrett Devenney (Senate HELP Committee) (did not attend)
- Santiago Gonzalez (Sen. Bennett) (did not attend)
- Danielle Janowski (Sen. Thune) (did not attend)
- Aliza Silver (Senate HELP Committee) (did not attend)
- Greg Mathis (Sen. Warner) (did not attend)
- Charlotte Pineda (Sen Marshall) (did not attend)

Question 16.

Transportation Expense break down (Good Faith estimate) \$400 for flight, \$50 for rideshare to and from airport.

\$895 (Government conference registration- waived)

\$45 (Women in Health IT Reception-waived) (event has speakers)

Question 18.

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Question 20.

HIMSS seeks bids from local hotels and negotiates with hotels adjacent to the convention center and conference center where HIMSS21 is held. Contracts are based on price, location, accessibility, and availability of rooms to accommodate congressional staff.

Question 21.

Staff will be instructed not to take food at the conference and instead find food on their own up to the per diem rate of \$61 a day.

Question 23. **Note:** No alcohol will be provided or served to Senate staffers, as noted on the agenda.

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

August 3, 2021

Andrew Burnett
Office of Senator Richard C. Shelby
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Burnett:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you received to travel to the *2021 Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Global Health Conference and Exhibition* in Las Vegas, Nevada, on August 9–12, 2021, sponsored by HIMSS. HIMSS certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the *necessary expenses*¹ related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, lobbying firm, agent of a foreign principal, or otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. HIMSS has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you at *any point throughout your trip*.²

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the **actual** travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip **may be accepted** under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel*, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, HIMSS is neither a registered lobbyist or lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, or an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel**.

¹ The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 8.

² The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See *id.* at 2.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual³ on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$415 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their Financial Disclosure Report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,



Shannon Hamilton Kopplin
Acting Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Travel Checklist

³ A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$132,552 for CY 2021) or is a political fund designee and is required to file Financial Disclosure Reports.

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): _____
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
 2. Description of the trip: _____
This is an educational experience to attend the HIMSS21 Global Health Conference and Exhibition for education, innovation, and collaboration on health information and technology
 3. Dates of travel: _____
August 9th-11th 2021
 4. Place of travel: _____
Las Vegas, NV
 5. Name and title of Senate invitees: _____
Please see attached list of Senate invitees
 6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:

☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

- OR -

☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
 7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

- AND -

☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
 8. I *certify* that:

☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.

- AND -

☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

HIMSS develops, organizes and conducts all aspects of the trip and conference. HIMSS21 is the leading healthcare conference, bringing together thought leaders from across the healthcare community, including healthcare providers, IT experts, vendors, and local, state, and federal government representatives.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

HIMSS is a global advisor and thought leader supporting the transformation of the health ecosystem through information and technology. As a mission driven non-profit, HIMSS brings expertise in health innovation, policy, workforce development, research and analytics to bring forward the voice of our members.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

HIMSS holds a Global Conference annually, and invites congressional staff as well as federal, state, and local policy makers and officials for this unique learning experience.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

HIMSS hosts educational briefings and roundtables with federal and state officials, and health IT experts focused on relevant health policy issues. These events are both on and off Capitol Hill, as well as across the country. We also host numerous workshops and smaller conferences across the country.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

| | Transportation Expenses | Lodging Expenses | Meal Expenses | Other Expenses |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate | \$835.59 *see attached for breakdown | \$360 | \$26.55 Note: No alcohol will be provided to Senate staffers | \$895 (Government conference registration-waived) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts | | | | |

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation **or** b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip is organized without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

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19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Mirage, 3400 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

HIMSS seeks bids from local hotels and negotiates with hotels adjacent to the convention center and conference center where HIMSS21 is held. Contracts are based on price, location, accessibility, and availability of rooms to accommodate congressional staff.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The lodging rate (\$120) is equal to per diem rate. The estimated daily meals rate will be the

the federal per diem, staff will be instructed not to take food on the conference floor and instead find meals

on their own. HIMSS21 is organized without regard to congressional participation.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

HIMSS is providing round trip coach commercial air fare to Las Vegas, and taxi/rideshare transportation to

and from the airport.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None provided

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:



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